

To Whom It May  
Concern:

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

While Sinclair does  
not control a  
station in my  
market, I am writing  
to voice my shock  
and outrage at a  
so-called 'news'  
broadcast which is  
nothing more than a  
last-ditch effort to  
sneak partisan  
politics into the  
living rooms of  
American citizens.

It is not the  
documentary itself I  
have issue with, but  
the way in which it  
is being broadcast  
via our so-called  
'free press'.  
"Going Upriver: The  
Long War of John  
Kerry" and  
"Fahrenheit 911" are  
both examples of  
partisan political  
documentaries which  
were released in  
theaters. That is  
the correct venue  
for this kind of  
program, not aired  
on television at the  
discretion of an  
obviously biased  
private citizen with  
deep pockets.

This situation  
clearly demonstrates  
exactly why we need  
to strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.